

Manuscript, that I have been Dec. 12th, (not 10th), 1804,  
P.S. I find on examining the town records at  
Roxbury, April 23, 1867.

My dear Frank:

Letters were received from you and Fanny,  
last week, the next morning after I mailed mine to  
you. We were expecting to hear from you to-day, as  
a Southampton steamer arrived at New York yesterday,  
but may get a letter this evening or to-morrow. I thank  
you for suggesting what steamer I had better take; but  
I had already engaged my passage in the Cuba, which  
sails for Liverpool from Boston on the 8th of May, hav-  
ing abandoned the idea of going to Brest in the Great East-  
ern, in consequence of a fortnight's difference in the  
time of her sailing from New York the second trip. I  
took a binocular for the sake of having the company  
of George Thompson, and yet it is not certain that  
he will go with me, on account of his pecuniary con-  
dition. Should he go, it is his intention to return in  
the fall, that he may by lecturing procure the means  
to support himself and family. I trust he will  
not fail to be my companion.

Since I last wrote, intelligence has been  
received of an alteration in the time of holding the  
Anti-Slavery Conference in Paris from the middle of  
June to the 26th and 27th of August. It will



make no difference in regard to my arrangements; it will, on the whole, be preferable, as I shall be able to go with Harry and Fanny and yourself to Switzerland as soon as you please after the 15th of June. I now intend shaping my affairs so as to leave Haver for New York on the 1st of September, immediately at the close of the Anti-Slavery Conference.

I do not think of penetrating beyond Switzerland; yet it would give me great pleasure to see our German relatives at Munich, and I would certainly go there if I could speak the language.

I have not yet decided how much time to spend in England, but I wish to go there as early in July as practicable. Of course, I calculate upon your being with me; and you may return with me home, or remain until Harry and Fanny come, provided they return before winter fairly sets in.

Some how or other, your mother has got it into her head that Fanny will not come home till next year! This makes her droop somewhat; but I tell her she is not justified in coming to any such conclusion.



On Friday evening, a colored delegation is coming to our house to present me a beautiful marble and bronze time-piece as a testimony of personal regard and appreciation of my labors in behalf of the colored race. The gift will be as acceptable as it will prove ornamental and useful. It will do for an heir-loom.

The Spring has been cold and backward, but is beginning to give tokens of a speedy unfolding of grass, and buds, and flowers. I suppose Paris will be in position when I get there.

What an empty parade was made at the opening of the Exposition by the Emperor! Not a word said as to his object, on the grandeur and beneficence of such an undertaking, but simply dumb show. I presume the Exposition is yet far from being completely arranged. As a nation, we shall not make any show there; and I think there is very little interest felt among the people in regard to it. Certainly, there will be no rush across the Atlantic to see it, for a variety of reasons; the expense of such a trip, under such circumstances, looking very formidable, and



Oliver Johnson and I had a very delightful visit to William last week.

causing even the habitually reckless to pause, and carefully count the cost. There are no more gobs abroad, thus far, than the usual number. The Great Eastern had accommodations for twenty-five hundred passengers, and carried across less than two hundred! I doubt whether she will come again, as she will not "earn her salt."

William went to Philadelphia last week Thursday for Ellie and the babe, and returned with them on Saturday. Ellie was glad to get home, and Agnes seemed to quickly recall "auld lang syne," and clings to grandpa then much more tenderly than to her father or mother. That is because I pet her so much. She is a darning, but of a very restless and nervous temperament, and wants to be amused with something new every moment.

Wendell has been unable to use the pen for several weeks, owing to a bad sore in his right palm. He has suffered a good deal, but is now much improved. Nothing special has occurred at Orange, but we are looking for an infantile advent in that direction very soon. Congress has at last adjourned. Henry Wilson is lecturing at the South successfully.

All at home send loving remembrance to you and Fanny and Harry. W.L.G.